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(Commander's Report)

1. The following are Commander's remarks on Headquarters Directed Missions 4079, 1406, 1407, 1409 and 1411.

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a. The early arrival of the mission route, normally included in the [REDACTED] has helped greatly in getting the mission layed out and plotted, also has permitted more time for closely checking and rechecking all operations order requirements. In addition, and most important, more time is given to the pilot for target study. At [REDACTED] it works out that the early arrival is also more compatible to the normal working day. This alleviates recalling personnel from town at night. This is a small item, but again appreciated [REDACTED]

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b. The Headquarters assignment of a specific aircraft (tail number) to a mission does not always insure that the best available aircraft is utilized. Local maintenance difficulties or scheduling (flown the day before, etc.) can preclude the aircraft from being in top shape. In addition, the weekly operations aircraft schedule is negated. At time aircraft configurations are limited to specific equipment. Reference [REDACTED] in 351 with tail ballast or a specific hatch. This and other maintenance information is available in the field and should be considered when selecting an aircraft for a mission assignment.

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